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CERTIFIED MAIL/RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

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**RE: Concurrence on the No Additional Soil Investigation at the General Electric Management-Industrial Solutions Facility
Arecibo, Puerto Rico (EPA ID. No. PRD090383860)**

Dear Mr. Robinson,

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the Arsenic Background Study Letter Report (Letter Report) for the Caribe General Electric Products, Inc. facility (the facility) located in Arecibo, Puerto Rico. This additional soil investigation was requested by EPA to assess if the concentrations of arsenic detected at the soil sampled as part of the RCRA Facility Investigation (RFI) correspond to background concentrations in the soils of the area. After careful evaluation of the Letter Report, EPA concurs with the recommendation that no additional soil investigation is necessary.

EPA based this decision on the following facts:

- The arsenic contaminated soil in the facility is located beneath concrete or asphalt preventing a complete exposure pathway to humans and the environment.
- The current and future use of the facility will remain industrial.
- The tendency of arsenic to be naturally present in Puerto Rico soils (in some cases above 22 mg/kg), as per the Blasland, Bouck & Lee, Inc. Report submitted to EPA in 2004.

In addition to the above-mentioned recommendation, a No Further Action determination is requested for the facility. In order to grant this request, EPA requires assurance that the current facility conditions that prevent the complete exposure pathway to humans and the environment will be maintained in the foreseeable future.

Please submit within 30 days after receipt of this letter a Final RFI Report. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact David N. Cuevas at (787) 977-5856 or through electronic mail at cuevas.david@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

José C. Font, Director
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cc: Lorna Rodríguez, Acting Director, Land Pollution Control Program, PREQB